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- 1. The reply filed on May 30, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The restriction requirement dated May 1, 2008 specified that "The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added" (page 3, last paragraph to page 4, first paragraph). However, the claims specified by applicant in the reply to the restriction requirement do not appear to be the correct set of claims readable on the elected species. For instance, applicants have elected isobornyl (meth)acrylate, isobutyl acrylate, and acrylic acid as the species ands submit that claims 77-109, 11(presumably this is meat to be claim 111)-120, 122-139, 141-154 and 156-164 read on the elected species.
- 2. It is noted that claims 110, 121, 140, and 155 have been excluded from this claim set. Homopolymers of isobornyl acrylate have glass transition temperatures of approximately 88 °C (i.e. greater than 40 °C) and are encompassed by claims 110, 121, and 140. Thus, it is unclear how claims 110, 121, and 140 do not read on the elected species. Further, claim 155 recites a "monomer chosen from (meth)acrylic acid esters and optionally at least one additional monomer...". Since blocks of both isobornyl (meth)acrylate, isobutyl acrylate residues comprise (meth)acrylic acid esters, and acrylic acid was elected as an additional monomer, it is unclear how claim 155 does not read on the elected species.
- 3. Thus, the claim set upon which examination should properly proceed was unclear. Applicants are required to provide an accurate listing of the claims readable upon the elected species which will be examined further on the merits of the claims.

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Such clarification will facilitate future examination by ensuring that examination

commences on the proper claim set.

4. <u>See</u> 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide,

applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this

notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to

avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED

UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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